

Why are improvements to I-29/I-35 needed?



To reduce congestion and improve safety.

- Congestion increases travel **time**, fuel **costs** and **pollution**.
- **The number of crashes in this corridor is increasing.** Additional traffic, without increased capacity, creates the potential for more crashes.
- **Insufficient shoulders create problems.** Narrow shoulders (or no shoulder at all) mean that a simple flat tire – at the wrong time and place – can create a major traffic jam.
- **Entering and exiting can be difficult.** Many of the existing interchange ramps are too short or too close together to meet modern design standards, which adds to congestion and safety concerns.

